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Governor Edmund G. Brown, Jr.
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

Bill: AB 1424
Position: OPPOSE

Dear Governor Brown:

The California Board of Accountancy (CBA) is opposed to Assembly Bill 1424 (Perea), relating to professional licensing and tax delinquency.

AB 1424 would require the CBA to suspend the license of any of its licensees who appear on the Franchise Tax Board's (FTB) or Board of Equalization's (BOE) list of 500 largest tax delinquencies.

The CBA is opposed to AB 1424 for the following three reasons:

- The CBA already has the authority and process in place to discipline its licensees for "fiscal dishonesty or breach of fiduciary responsibility of any kind" following a thorough investigation of the facts.
- The CBA's role is to protect consumers. It is not a tax collecting agency.
- The CBA is concerned that there could be a future expansion of this bill's reach beyond the 500 largest tax delinquencies.

The CBA respectfully requests that you veto AB 1424.

Sincerely,

Patti Bowers
Executive Officer

c: Assembly Member Henry Perea